

**SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT**

1. **BACKGROUND:** The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

Figure 1  
**AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<b>TOTALS</b>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	501	110	35	0	<b>656</b>
NAVY	289	93	31	2	8	<b>423</b>
MARINE CORPS	27	205	22	14	0	<b>268</b>
AIR FORCE	245	170	273	19	0	<b>707</b>
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
CIVILIANS	0	23	13	5	0	<b>41</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2096 *</b>

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

\* INCLUDES 468 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

2. **ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL:** The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 487 Americans from Southeast Asia.

Figure 2  
**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973**

VIETNAM	362*
CHINA	2**
LAOS	117
CAMBODIA	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>487***</b>

**NOTES:**

\* 31 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973

\*\* 2 ashes returned from China

\*\*\* 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

3. **U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 20,753 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

Figure 3  
**SUMMARY OF REPORTS**

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,875
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4,432
CRASH/GRAVESITES	4,996
DOGTAGS	9,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,753</b>

a. Of the 1,875 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1,781 (94%) reports are resolved.

-- 1,249 (67%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).

-- 45 (2%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.

-- 487 (26%) reports were determined to be fabrications.

b. The remaining 94 ( 5%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U. S. Government analytical and collection efforts:

-- 83 (4%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.

-- 11 (1%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).

c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

Figure 4  
**TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS**

Pre-76	76-80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	<b>Total</b>
64	10	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	4	<b>94</b>